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## **School Committee Minutes 05/10/2012**

*Approved by the Arlington School Committee June 7, 2012*

*Arlington School Committee*

*Regular Meeting*

*Thursday, May 10 2012*

*6:30 p.m.*

*Arlington High School*

*School Committee Room – Sixth Floor*

*869 Massachusetts Avenue*

*Arlington, MA 02476*

***Present:*** Dr. Kirsi Allison-Ampe, Chair, Ms. Leba Heigham, Secretary, Mr. Jeff Thielman, Ms. Cindy Starks and Mr. William Hayner and Mr. Paul Schlichtman.

*Dr. Kathleen Bodie, Superintendent, Ms. Diane Johnson, Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Robert Spiegel, Human Resource Officer, Ms. Linda Hanson, AEA Representative, Mr. Eric Lee, Student Representatives and Ms. Karen Fitzgerald, Administrative Assistant*

***Absent:*** Mr. Judson Pierce, Vice Chair, Dr. Wallis Raemer, Interim Assistant Superintendent, Ms. Kathleen Lockyer, Interim Special Education Director and AAA Representative.

*Student Rep arrived at 7:51 p.m.*

*Ms. Diane Johnson exited the meeting at 7:51 and returned at 7:53 pm, 8:14 and returned 8:16 p.m. and exited the meeting before Executive Session at 9:14 pm*

*Mr. Schlichtman exited the meeting at 9:03 pm and returned at 9:04pm.*

**Opening Remarks**

*Dr. K. Allison-Ampe spoke on the Stratton and Thompson School Artwork from Deborah Campagna and Melena Brown, Art Teachers.*

**Public Participation**

*None*

**Welcome New School Committee member Paul Schlichtman**

*Dr. Allison-Ampe welcomed Mr. Schlichtman and he thanked everyone for their support and will enjoy being with the committee on Thursdays.*

**New Subcommittee Assignments**

***Mr. Thielman moved to approve the Arlington School Committee Subcommittees assignment's for Mr. Schlichtman: District Accountability/Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment, Community Relations, and Facilities, Wellness Committee and Stratton School Liaisons, seconded by Ms. Heigham.***

***Voted: 6-0***

<u><b>ARLINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS</b></u>	
April 2012 – April 2013	
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Kirsi Allison-Ampe, Chair, Judson Pierce, Vice Chair, Leba Heigham, Secretary,	
William Hayner, Cindy Starks, Jeff Thielman, Paul Schlichtman (5/3/2012)	
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<u><b>ARINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE SUBCOMMITTEES</b></u>	
Budget	C. Starks (Chair), L. Heigham, W. Hayner
Policies & Procedures	J. Pierce (Chair), C. Starks, J. Thielman

<b>District Accountability/Curriculum, Instruction &amp; Assessment (DACIA)</b>	J. Thielman (Chair), W. Hayner, Mr. Schlichtman
<b>Community Relations</b>	L. Heigham (Chair), J. Pierce, Mr. Schlichtman
<b>Facilities</b>	W. Hayner (Chair), J. Thielman, Mr. Schlichtman
<b>Legal Service Review</b>	K. Allison-Ampe, J. Pierce, W. Hayner 4/26/2012
<b><u>COMMITTEE LIAISONS</u></b>	
<b>Permanent Town Building Committee</b>	J. Thielman
<b>Thompson Building Committee</b>	J. Thielman
<b>Selectmen Liaison</b>	K. Allison-Ampe
<b>Budget &amp; Revenue Task Force</b>	K. Allison-Ampe, J. Pierce
<b>Five-Year Planning Committee</b>	K. Allison-Ampe, J. Pierce J. Thielman
<b>Vision 2020 Standing Committee</b>	L. Heigham
<b>Negotiations Committee (AEA)</b>	L. Heigham, C. Starks, W. Hayner
<b>Negotiations Committee (AAA)</b>	L. Heigham, C. Starks, W. Hayner
<b>Negotiations Committee (Cafeteria)</b>	W. Hayner, C. Starks
<b>Negotiations Committee (Unit C)</b>	W. Hayner, C. Starks
<b>Negotiations Committee (Bus)</b>	W. Hayner (4/12/2012)

<b>School Facilities Working Group</b>	W. Hayner
<b>Student Advisory Council</b>	J. Pierce
<b>Arlington Youth Health &amp; Safety Coalition</b>	C. Starks
<b>Wellness Committee</b>	Mr. Schlichtman
<b>State Aid Task Force</b>	K. Allison-Ampe, L. Heigham
<b>Title IX Committee</b>	L. Heigham
<b>School Committee Legislative Liaison</b>	K. Allison-Ampe
<b>Supt. Diversity Advisory Committee</b>	J. Pierce
<b>AEF Board</b>	K. Allison-Ampe
<b>Town Government Reorganization Committee</b>	J. Thielman
<b>Tourism and Economic Development Committee</b>	K. Allison-Ampe
<b>SEPAC Liaison</b>	J. Pierce
<b>Green Repair Program at Stratton</b>	W. Hayner
<b>EDCO Board</b>	K. Allison-Ampe
<b>Civil Discourse Committee</b>	K. Allison-Ampe
<b><u>SCHOOL LIAISONS</u></b>	
<b>Brackett</b>	L. Heigham
<b>Thompson</b>	W. Hayner

<b>Bishop</b>	J. Thielman
<b>Hardy</b>	L. Heigham
<b>Stratton</b>	Mr. Schlichtman
<b>Dallin</b>	J. Pierce
<b>Peirce</b>	J. Pierce
<b>OMS</b>	C. Starks
<b>AHS</b>	J. Thielman
<b>Town wide PTO</b>	C. Starks

*Appointment of New Assistant Superintendent*

*Dr. Bodie briefly summarized the Search Committee's selection process for the Assistant Superintendent position and would like to recommend Dr. Laura Chesson for the Appointment of New Assistant Superintendent.*

*Dr. Laura Chesson addressed the committee members and administration and said she looks forward to working in Arlington and bringing her leadership in data analysis, looking to expand technology and teaching in the classrooms, and would improve Math instruction and well as making the senior project better.*

*The committee members said they are excited to have Dr. Laura Chesson, especially with her expertise in Math and look forward to working with her.*

***Mr. Thielman moved to approve Dr. Bodie's recommendation to appoint Dr. Laura Chesson, the New Assistant Superintendent, seconded by Ms. Starks.***

***Voted: 6-0***

***Ms. Heigham moved to table everything up until the Superintendent Report, seconded by Ms. Starks.***

***Voted: 6-0***

### Superintendent Report

*Dr. Bodie was proud to report that US News & World Report ranked Arlington High School 26<sup>th</sup> within Massachusetts and congratulated and thanked the entire school district for this honor. Mr. Spiegel announced Mr. Matthew Coleman as the new Math Director for Arlington Public Schools. Dr. Bodie also said she enjoyed the LAABB Collaborative Special Olympics held at Lexington High School and appreciated all the students from Arlington who are buddy friends with many of the students who participated.*

***Ms. Heigham moved to take everything off the table and go back to agenda item Wellness Update, seconded by Mr. Hayner.***

***Voted: 6-0***

### Wellness Update

*Ms. Cindy Bouvier, Director of Health and Wellness, Ms. Lucille Gallagher, Director of Nursing, and Ms. Sharon Malone, Food Program Assistant and Site Coordinator addressed the New Regulations on School Wellness, School Wellness Policies and School Wellness Plans and Implementation. Ms. Bouvier said the School Wellness Advisory Committee is a standing committee, officially appointed by superintendent and charged with making recommendations concerning school health/wellness policies, programs, and practices and must be in place by August 2012. Cindy said the Wellness Committee had met once already and started the discussion and will continue to meet as they must meet at least four times per year and keep minutes. They must conduct a needs assessment, develop and implement an annual plan, build support, evaluate the progress and write annual reports and communicate it all and include goals. Ms. Bouvier will meet with the School Committee, Policy and Procedures Subcommittee to draft a policy recommendation that must include nutrition, physical activity, foods available on campus and nutrition promotion and will make a presentation to School Committee once completed by the fall of 2013.*

### Update on 2011-2012 District Goals

*Ms. Cindy Bouvier and Ms. Lucille Gallagher reported out on Goal 1 to Ensure all Arlington Students are well prepared for academics, social, emotional, and vocational success in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Ms. Bouvier addressed Goal 1-g, To improve the social/emotional climate in all schools and provided the School Committee with the backup of the Professional Development with Anti Bullying that has been offered to all teachers and staff at the elementary, middle school as well as the high school. Ms. Gallagher reported out on Goal 1-j, that the elementary school nurses will teach illness prevention, growth and development, and drug and alcohol lessons from the Great Body Shop curriculum, and said that two of these are complete, and collaboration on the third is being worked on with the physical education teachers.*

### Update on Thompson Rebuild

*Ms. Diane Johnson said they will break ground next week at the Thompson School and that a pot luck picnic is being planned. Dr. Bodie said she would like a ground breaking ceremony and will provide the community with further information on a date.*

### Monthly Financial Report

*Ms. Diane Johnson informed the committee that since Special Education is tracking under budget particularly in the areas of Out of District Tuition, and Professional Services, she is recommending to the School Committee that \$500,000 be moved by Town*

Meeting into the Special Education reserve account from our general fund appropriation.

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#### Superintendent Report Continued

Dr. Bodie presented a draft School Calendar for the 2012-2013 School Year which included additional Early Release Days for the Elementary students and noted dismissal would be 1:00 pm now instead of 12:30 pm. Ms. Heigham suggested adding two non-school days, September 17<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, change the professional day to October 26<sup>th</sup> and to note Federal Holidays only instead of all days off coded as Holidays on the school calendar. After the committee discussed the calendar it was determined that Dr. Bodie should provide two draft school calendars, one with the two additional non-school days and one without, for the committee to review and vote on at the next School Committee meeting.

**Ms. Heigham motioned to move to direct Superintendent Bodie to provide two school calendars for the 2012-2013 school year, with recommendations made by the School Committee and be ready to present them at the next School Committee meeting, on May 24, 2012, seconded by Mr. Thielman.**

**Voted: 6-0**

Dr. Bodie informed every one of the Sports Illustrated article on Title IX, 40 Years of Change, featuring a picture of the Arlington High School Girls Lacrosse team. Dr. Bodie said Ms. Villano was in D.C. accepting a grant award to support additional Chinese class next year. Dr. Bodie had hosted a coffee with the Diversity Committee and candidates for employment in the hopes to recruit teachers of color. The Math Fair, Art All State and Pop Concert was held last week. Dr. Bodie will be holding a Redistricting update at the next Community Relations Subcommittee on May 31, 2012 and Dr. Bodie will post additional materials on the website and will present the Redistricting Plan to the School Committee at the last meeting in June.

#### Approach to Handling of Executive Session Minutes

Dr. Kirsi Allison-Ampe would like the School Committee to review the Executive Session minutes that have not been voted on.

**Mr. Thielman Moved that the School Committee create a temporary Executive Minutes Review Subcommittee, as allowed by Policy BDE, for the purposes of examining executive session minutes and making recommendations for whether they need to remain confidential, seconded by Ms. Starks.**

**Voted: 6-0**

**Mr. Thielman moved to appoint Dr. Allison-Ampe and Mr. Hayner to the Executive Minutes Review Subcommittee, seconded by Ms. Starks.**

**Voted: 6-0**

#### Subcommittee & Liaison Reports

*Policies & Procedures, J. Pierce, none*

*Budget, C. Starks, none*

*Community Relations, L. Heigham will meet May 31, 2012 to bring forth Redistricting status.*

*Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment & Accountability, J. Thielman, none*

*Facilities, W. Hayner meet with Ms. Johnson and Mr. Miano and will research some paperwork on previous facilities meetings.*

*Kindergarten Advisory Committee-W. Hayner will meet, May 15, 2012 at 7:15 pm.*

*Legal Services Review, Chair, none*

*Chair, K. Allison-Ampe said the last meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2012 and maybe an additional meeting in June should be planned. Dr. Allison-Ampe said Article 14 was tabled until additional information from Stoneman, Chandler and Miller could be provided.*

***Mr. Schlichtman motioned to move that the School Committee make no action on Warrant Article 14 to Town Meeting, seconded by Mr. Hayner.***

***Voted: 5-0-1, Ms. Starks abstained.***

#### *Consent Agenda*

***Ms. Heigham moved to approve the Consent Agenda:***

***Approval of Warrant: Warrant # 12148 Dated, April 26, 2012 , Total Amount: 490,745.55***

***Approval of School Committee Minutes: Regular Meetings: March 22, 2012, seconded by Mr. Hayner.***

***Voted: 6-0***

#### *Secretary's Report*

*Ms. Heigham reported on all correspondence received: Payroll letter, CFO tracking reports, school nurse letter, emails from Mr. Hayner, ACMI invitation, Sports Illustrated picture, Dallin Museum email, Art reception invitation, Bishop School Fair announcement, Assistant Superintendent Recommendation from Dr. Bodie, Thompson School Building project update, FY 12 Legal spreadsheet, Brackett School Newsletter, and Enrollments.*

#### *Executive Session*

***Mr. Hayner motioned to move into Executive Session at 9:14 pm to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with union and/or nonunion personnel or contract negotiations with union and/or nonunion in which if held in an open meeting may have a detrimental effect.***

***Chief Financial Officer***



· *Assistant Superintendent*

*And to conduct strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation, in which if held in an open meeting may have a detrimental effect, Collective bargaining may also be conducted to exit only for the purposes of adjournment, seconded by Ms. Heigham.*

*Roll Call: Mr. Schlichtman Yes, Mr. Hayner Yes, Ms. Starks Yes, Mr. Thielman Yes, Ms. Heigham Yes, Dr. Allison-Ampe Yes.*

*Voted: 6-0*

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*Adjourn*

*Mr. Hayner moved to adjourn at 9:39 pm, seconded by Ms. Starks.*

*Voted: 6-0*

*Respectfully submitted by*

*Karen M. Fitzgerald*

*Administrative Assistant*

*Arlington School Committee*